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SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI VISIT TO LA MADDALENA

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1. READOUT OF DEFENSE MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S MEETING WITH MAYOR OF LA MADDALENA, WHICH WE OBTAINED FROM HIS CHIEF OF CABINET, GENERAL GIAMBARTOLOMEI, DISCLOSES THAT DISCUSSION ON PX AND COMMISSARY WAS INCONCLUSIVE. CHIEF OF CABINET SAID HE WOULD HAVE MORE ON SUBJECT FOR US BY END OF THE WEEK. ON OTHER SUBJECTS, ANDREOTTI PROMISED THE MAYOR HE WOULD MAKE A PERSONAL EFFORT TO SECURE FUNDS FROM THE CASA MEZZOGIORNO TO SOLVE THE CITY'S WATER PROBLEM. REGARDING THE ISSUE OF U.S. CONSTRUCTION ON ITALIAN NAVY PROPERTY, WE WERE TOLD THAT CONSTRUCTION WOULD CONTINUE. GIAMBARTOLOMEI OBSERVED THAT THE MAYOR WAS CORRECT IN MAINTAINING THAT NORMALLY A LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CLUBS SINCE SUCH FACILITIES ARE NOT
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OF A DIRECT MILITARY NATURE, BUT, SINCE THE ONES IN QUESTION ARE

PRE-FABS, A LICENSE IN THIS CASE IS NOT REQUIRED.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT OVERLY SURPRISED THAT THE MEETING RESULTED IN NO FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE PX/COMMISSARY ISSUE. THE ITALIANS CLEARLY DESIRE THAT THE STORES REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL AFTER THE SARDINIAN ELECTIONS. WE ARE DRAFTING A NOTE FOR THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHICH WE WOULD PROPOSE TO DELIVER, IF AFTER OUR NEXT SESSION WITH GIAMBARTOLOMEI HE IS STILL UNABLE TO GIVE US A COMMITMENT THAT THE STORES MAY OPEN AFTER THE ELECTIONS. BEAUDRY

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